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LONDON ALSO FOR DR. LEGERE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SCHLESINGER, JAMES) PFOR, FR

SUBJECT: SECDEF VISIT TO FRANCE

REF: (A) PARIS 23437 (NOTAL); (B) PARIS 23899 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING IS PROGRAM FOR THE VISIT TO FRANCE OF
SECRETARY SCHLESINGER INCORPORATING MOST RECENT CHANGES
SUGGESTED BY FRENCH AS OF COB SEPTEMBER 23:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

1700 SECRETARY SCHLESINGER ARRIVES PARIS/ORLY. MET AT
AIRPORT BY GENERAL BIGEARD, MOD SECRETARY OF STATE.
NO ARRIVAL STATEMENT OR PRESS PARTICIPATION IS
PLANNED. SECRETARY SCHLESINGER GOES TO HOTEL
CRILLON. REST OF DAY FREE.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

0900 SECDEF, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR RUSH, ARRIVES AT
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MINISTRY OF DEFENSE FOR SHORT MILITARY HONORS

FOLLOWED BY RESTRICTED MEETING WITH MINISTER
BOURGES AND ONE INTERPRETER.

1100 SECDEF, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR RUSH CALLS ON
PRIME MINISTER CHIRAC. CHIRAC WILL BE ACCOMPANIED
BY BOURGES ONLY.

1145 SECDEF ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR RUSH MEETS WITH
PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING. GISCARD WILL BE
ACCOMPANIED BY BOURGES ONLY.

1300 SECDEF, ACCOMPANIED BY BOURGES, DEPARTS BY HELI-
COPTER FOR STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND POST AT TAVERNY
WHERE HE WILL BE RECEIVED BY GENERAL FLEUROT, HAVE
A SHORT WORKING LUNCH AND VISIT THE COMMAND FACIL-
ITY.

1545 AFTER RETURN FROM TAVERNY, SECDEF AND BOURGES GO
DIRECTLY TO MOD FOR PLENARY SESSION BETWEEN FRENCH
AND U.S. DELEGATIONS.

1800 POSSIBLE SECDEF MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
SAUVAGNARGUES (THIS IS STILL VERY MUCH IN THE
PLANNING STAGE).

2015 OFFICIAL DINNER HOSTED BY BOURGES AT THE MOD FOR
APPROXIMATELY 40 INVITEES (POSSIBLY INCLUDING
FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES). DRESS IS BUSINESS
SUIT. DURING DINNER, BOURGES WILL PRESENT GIFT
(BOOK ON BIRDS) TO SECDEF. BOURGES WILL PROBABLY
ALSO DELIVER FORMAL TOAST AND SECDEF SHOULD BE
PREPARED TO RESPOND.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

0815 SECDEF, ACCOMPANIED BY BOURGES AND MEMBERS OF U.S.

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AND FRENCH DELEGATIONS, DEPARTS ORLY (BY CARAVELLE
JET) FOR LANDIVISIAU (NEAR BREST). BOURGES WILL
REMAIN WITH SECDEF THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

0915 SECDEF ARRIVES AT LANDIVISIAU AND IS GREETED BY
FRENCH CNO ADMIRAL JOIRE NOULENS (THERE MAY BE
VERY SHORT MILITARY HONORS CEREMONY AT THIS POINT).

0930 SECDEF DEPARTS LANDIVISIAU BY HELICOPTER FOR ILE
LONGUE.

0955 ARRIVAL AT ILE LONGUE.

1010 VISIT OF ILE LONGUE NAVAL FACILITY BY CAR.

1025 VISIT TO A FRENCH SSBN (PROBABLY LE TERRIBLE).

1115 SECDEF DEPARTS BY HELICOPTER FOR LANDIVISIAU.

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1145 SECDEF DEPARTS LANDIVISIAU (BY CARAVELLE JET) FOR
REIMS. LUNCH SERVED EN ROUTE.

1300 SECDEF ARRIVES AT REIMS, AND DEPARTS BY HELICOPTERS
FOR MOURMELON.

1315 SECDEF ARRIVES MOURMELON AND IS GREETED BY CHIEF
OF STAFF OF THE FRENCH ARMY GENERAL LAGARDE (THERE
MAY BE VERY SHORT MILITARY HONORS CEREMONY AT THIS
POINT). PRESENTATION OF COMBINED OPERATION
INVOLVING FRENCH ARMY ARMORED UNITS, HELICOPTERS,
PARACHUTISTS, AND JAGUAR TACTICAL AIRCRAFT.

1500 SECDEF DEPARTS BY HELICOPTER FOR REIMS.

1530 SECDEF DEPARTS REIMS (BY CARAVELLE JET) FOR FRENCH
TACTICAL AIR BASE AT ORANGE.

1700 SECDEF ARRIVES AT ORANGE AND IS GREETED BY CHIEF
OF STAFF OF THE FRENCH AIR FORCE GENERAL GRIGAUT
(THERE MAY BE VERY SHORT MILITARY HONORS CEREMONY
AT THIS POINT). FLY-BY PERFORMED BY MIRAGE F-1S
FOLLOWED BY VIEWING OF SELECTED FRENCH MODERN
AIRCRAFT PARKED ON RAMP. MIRAGE F-1S WILL LAND
AND THEIR PILOTS WILL BE PRESENTED TO SECDEF.
GENERAL BIGEARD WILL JOIN AT ORANGE.

1740 SECDEF DEPARTS BY HELICOPTER FOR LES BAUX DE
PROVINCE.

1800 SECDEF ARRIVES LES BAUX DE PROVINCE. DINNER THAT
EVENING WILL BE HOSTED BY BOURGES AT HOTEL OUSTAU
DE BAUMANIERE. DRESS IS BUSINESS SUIT.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

0640 SECDEF DEPARTS FOR VISIT TO ORNITHOLOGICAL STATION
LOCATED IN NEARBY NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE OF THE
CAMARGUE, ACCOMPANIED BY VERY SMALL GROUP OF BIRD-
WATCHING EXPERTS.

(0800 BOURGES DEPARTS FOR PARIS TO ATTEND MORNING
CABINET MEETING WITH GISCARD; BIGEARD WILL
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REPLACE HIM AS SECDEF ESCORT.)

0900 SECDEF DEPARTS NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE FOR ISTRES
BY CAR OR HELICOPTER.

0930 SECDEF DEPARTS ISTRES ACCOMPANIED BY GENERAL
BIGEARD (VIA CARAVELLE JET) FOR PARIS/ORLY.

1030 SECDEF ARRIVES AT ORLY AND HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE.

--- SECDEF DEPARTS PARIS/ORLY FOR U.S. HE WILL BE
SEEN OFF BY GENERAL BIGEARD.

2. COMMENT: (A) ARRIVAL TIME: EMBASSY AND FRENCH ARE
STILL CARRYING SECDEF'S ARRIVAL TIME IN PARIS AS 1700
HOURS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28. HOWEVER' SOME U.S.
SOURCES ARE SUGGESTING TO US THAT ARRIVAL MAY BE CONSID-
ERABLY LATER. WE WILL NEED TO FIX EXACT ARRIVAL TIME AS

SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT FRENCH RECEPTION OF SECDEF CAN BE PROPERLY PLANNED.

(B) MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR: AMBASSADOR RUSH INVITES SECRETARY SCHLESINGER TO THE RESIDENCE FOR DRINKS SUNDAY EVENING.

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(C) MEETINGS WITH SENIOR FRENCH OFFICIALS: BOURGES HAS MADE KNOWN TO US FRENCH DESIRE THAT SECDEF'S MEETINGS WITH BOURGES, CHIRAC, AND GISCARD MONDAY MORNING SHOULD BE RIGIDLY RESTRICTED ON EACH SIDE, IN ANY EVENT NOT TO EXCEED TWO FRENCH AND TWO U.S. (FRENCH WILL PROVIDE INTERPRETER, IF REQUIRED.) FOR THIS REASON, BOURGES HAS SUGGESTED THAT SECDEF AND AMBASSADOR RUSH MAKE UP U.S. SIDE DURING THOSE THREE DISCUSSIONS. WE THINK THERE MAY BE SOME FLEXIBILITY TO ADD TO THE BOURGES/SECDEF MEETING, BUT NOT TO THE CHIRAC AND GISCARD MEETINGS. WE

WILL PURSUE THIS WITH MOD.

(D) SECDEF DELEGATION FOR SIDE TRIPS: BECAUSE OF CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM, MEMBERS OF SECDEF PARTY WHO WILL ACCOMPANY THE SECRETARY ON MONDAY TO TAVERNY, AND ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF PARIS CANNOT EXCEED NINE (PLUS, OF COURSE, SECRETARY SCHLESINGER). FRENCH HAVE SUGGESTED THAT MESSRS ELLS-
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WORTH, LAITIN, COTTER, MARSHALL, BERGOLD, WICKHAM, BOWMAN AND ZAICE PLUS ONE SECURITY MAN COMPRISE THAT PART OF SECDEF DELEGATION WHICH PARTICIPATES IN THESE TRAVELS. SHOULD SECDEF WISH TO MAKE CHANGES IN THIS LIST, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT FRENCH ARE QUITE PREPARED TO BE FLEXIBLE. HOWEVER, SIZE OF THAT GROUP CANNOT EXCEED TOTAL OF NINE. IF SECDEF WISHES ANY CHANGES THEY SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT FRENCH CAN MAKE APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS ALL ALONG THE LINE.

(E) PLENARY SESSION: FRENCH FORESEE MONDAY AFTERNOON PLENARY SESSION AS MAJOR OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE WIDE NUMBER OF POLITICAL/MILITARY SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. ALL PEOPLE INCLUDED IN SECDEF DELEGATION IN PARA (D) ABOVE (EXCEPT SECURITY MAN) WOULD ATTEND THIS MEETING. IN ADDITION, ANY OTHERS FROM SECDEF DELEGATION THAT SECDEF WOULD LIKE PRESENT CAN BE ACCOMMODATED, BUT WE WILL NEED TO HAVE THEIR NAMES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE WILL TRANSMIT AGENDA FOR MONDAY AFTERNOON PLENARY AS SOON AS WE HAVE RECEIVED IT FROM MOD.

(F) US PRESS REPS: FRENCH DO NOT, REPEAT NOT, WANT ANY PRESS REPS, U.S. OR OTHERS, TO ACCOMPANY SECDEF/BOURGES TRIPS OUTSIDE OF PARIS. CONSEQUENTLY, FRENCH ARE MAKING NO ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESS TRAVEL. FRENCH ARE ADAMANT ON THIS.
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